GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PREFERENCE FOR INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people prefer Indian systems of medicine than allopathy in the country ;

(a) if so, whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to incorporate indigenous systems of medicine under the National Rural Health Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount allocated for it during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) : A survey on `Usage & Acceptability of ISM&H systems was assigned to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi by the Department of AYUSH. The report was submitted to the Department in the year 2003. The study covered 35 districts spread over 19 States of the country. The information on perception of 33,666 households with 44639 sick members towards ISM&H health care facilities was collected in the study.

As per the study, 32.4% and 18% of the households preferred ISM&H systems in normal and serious ailments respectively.

(d)&(e): Mainstreaming of AYUSH is envisaged in the National Rural Health Mission. The Department of AYUSH is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme for promoting Indian systems of medicine and homoeopathy. The scheme covers (a) Establishment of specialized therapy centre with hospitalization facility for Panchkarma/Kshar Sutra therapy of Ayurveda or Regimental therapy of Unani medicine of Siddha or Yoga & Naturopathy or Homoeopathy; (b) Establishment of specialty clinic of ISM&H i.e. system specific outdoor treatment centre; (c) Setting up of ISM&H wing in District Allopathic hospitals - Outdoor as well as indoor facility of one or two systems of ISM&H; and (d) Supply of essential AYUSH drugs to rural & backward area AYUSH dispensaries.